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**Request for Reconsideration Concerning Document Entitled Determination of
Patent Term Extension Under 35 USC 154(b) (1 Page)**

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35 U.S.C. 154(b)

Attn: Examiner A. Harris
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Sir:

Applicants' attorney received the Determination of Patent Term Extension dated February 8, 2005 and respectfully requests reconsideration of the decision that the patent term will not be extended by the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

In particular, an Appeal Brief was filed in connection with the above-referenced case on January 15, 2003. A Notice of Non-Compliance With 37 CFR 1.192(c) was then issued by the Patent Office, dated March 27, 2003, indicating that the Appeal Brief had not been filed in triplicate. A Response to the Notice of Non-Compliance was then filed on April 24, 2003, along with three copies of the Appeal Brief. On March 22, 2004 and on May 10, 2004 facsimiles were sent to the Examiner requesting information as to the status of the case. No response was received in connection with the status inquiries. Thus, Applicants' attorney's assistant left a message for Examiner Harris on August 30, 2004 requesting information as to the status of the case. On August 31, 2004, Examiner Harris returned the call to the assistant indicating that the case had not been added to her docket, and thus no action had been taken.


In view of the significant period of time that elapsed between the filing of the Appeal Brief, in triplicate (i.e., on April 24, 2003), and the August 31, 2004 telephonic response of the Examiner (i.e., over a year), despite the fact the application was filed prior

to the May 29, 2000 enactment date of the Patent Term Extension provisions, it is respectfully requested that the patent term of the allowed application be extended to account for the delay on the part of the Patent Office.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning the above, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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